



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1214)

PATENT

In re Application of: Welcher et al.)

Serial No.: 09/723,676)

Filed: November 28, 2000)

For: Interleukin-1 Receptor)
Antagonist-Like Molecules)
and Uses Thereof)

Before the Examiner: P. Mertz

Group Art Unit: 1646

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 16, 2002

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Specification:

Please amend the title at page 1, lines 1-2 to read as follows:

**NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING INTERLEUKIN-1 RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST-LIKE
PROTEINS AND USES THEREOF**

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence:

- (a) as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1;
(b) of the DNA insert in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-1215;